

ODELL IN FEAR OF RESULT IN STATE FIGHT.

He Has Determined to Manage His Own Campaign from This City in Order to Infuse Enthusiasm Into the Ranks of the Republicans.

Taking a Private Poll So as to Find Out Exactly Where He Stands—Some Comments of the Local Political Leaders on the Outlook.

Gov. Odell has become convinced that the campaign for the control of the State Government has taken a serious turn and one which menaces his success.

He has accordingly determined that the most vigorous and aggressive steps must be taken to arouse the Republican campaign managers to the difficult fight that is ahead.

Publications in some of the leading newspapers of the State of the results of canvasses made among their readers show that the outcome is by no means a certainty of success for the Republican candidate.

And so, having become alive to the danger, the Governor has determined to direct his own campaign. In order to do this most effectively he will make his headquarters in the city with the hope of stemming the great Democratic tide that promises 100,000 majority below the Bronx.

SCARED BY "POSTAL" CANVASS.

The "postal-card canvass" of the voters of Greater New York by two newspapers, by which it was deduced that Coler would receive 23,000 plurality in Brooklyn and 42,000 in Manhattan and the Bronx, has worried the Republican managers, although these papers declared as the result of their inquiries up the State that Odell would win out in the whole State by 21,000.

To-day it was, told at the Republican County Committee rooms that it had been discovered that the poll was taken before the last two days of registration, and that Patrick J. Rider, Tammany leader in the Third Assembly District, had got hold of one of the postal cards, had 5,000 reply cards printed and filled out by his lieutenants, each saying that he voted for Roosevelt in 1898 and Odell in 1900 and would vote for Coler this year. Then the cards were dropped in the mail from time to time and from all the postal stations.

Whatever there may be in this diversion, Gov. Odell has arranged for a private poll to be made throughout the State in order to satisfy himself as to the real situation.

Up to a week ago the idea in this city among the politically informed was that Coler had no chance. The consensus of opinion to-day among well-informed politicians is that if Gov. Odell does not come down to the bargaining table with 100,000 majority he will lose.

Speculators and gamblers who have been betting on the election have cut the odds on Odell. John Considine, of the Metropole Hotel, who has been handling the bulk of the Coler money in the Tenderloin, reports that he is compelled to go out and hunt for men wishing to bet on Odell where five days ago they were swarming around him with all sorts of propositions.

The two dull Republican ratifications at Carnegie Hall are taken as indications of the feeling regarding the campaign when compared with the rousing Democratic meeting at Madison Square Garden last night.

Overshadowing everything is the foxy campaign management of David B. Hill. He has placed his speakers where he thought they would do the most good, and he knows the State as thoroughly as Gov. Odell does.

At every point where Gov. Odell has spoken he has been immediately preceded or followed by a first class Democratic speaker. In every case the Democratic meetings have been more enthusiastic than those of the Republicans.

Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff professes to believe that Gov. Odell will be re-elected by a majority as large or larger than that he secured two years ago.

Gov. Odell will be re-elected by a handsome majority. I don't want to quote figures, but the result will be an endorsement of his administration. Mr. Coler will have a majority of less than 10,000 in Kings County, if he carries it at all, and there is no assurance in the ranks of the Democracy

"We will elect our Assemblymen and Senators in all the districts we carried last year, and we will elect four out of six Congressmen. I base these predictions on a knowledge of conditions."

Speaking of the probable result of the election Charles F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, said to-day:

"I don't believe in the ante-election forecasts on general principles. I don't believe in any forecasts. But I feel as sure of the result that I can bet on it."

I don't think guessing is good policy. But I feel so sure of the result this time that I can say that we are going to win. If there was any doubt before—which I do not concede—the rousing meeting at Madison Square Garden last night must have proved to the most sceptical Republican that

"I can't guess how it is going to come out," he said. "You can't always tell about an election. All the people I have talked to about it think the

O'DELL TO CLEAR "GROCERY" TALK.

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 28.—Gov. Odell left this city to-day for Binghamton, where he will address a Republican mass-meeting this evening. He made no further statement in relation to the charges of his connection with J. H. Matthews & Co., the wholesale grocery firm of Newburg, which

with J. W. Mathew & Co., the wholesale grocery firm of Binghamton, has furnished groceries for Sing Sing Prison, the Matteawan Hospital for Insane Criminals and other State institutions. It is probable, however, that he will have something to say in this connection in his Binghamton

An application was made to Secretary of State McDonough to-day for permission to photograph the certificate of waiver signed by B. B. Odell, and filed as a part of the certificate of reduction of capital stock of

W. Mathews & Co. from \$300,000 to \$260,000 in August, 1901. This is the certificate which Senator Hill quoted as showing that Gov. Odell is a participating stockholder in the grocery company.

His request was refused by Secretary McDermagh.